

Alamo Municipal Advisory Council

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The Alamo Municipal Advisory Council serves as an advisory body to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Agency.

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

6:00 p.m. Online Meeting via [Zoom](#)

1. CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - ROLL CALL

Youth Member Herron Absent.

2. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

- a. District II Staff Update –
 - i. The March Alamo Liaison Meeting will be held on March 15, 2021
 - ii. COVID19 County Response Update
- b. Contra Costa County Sheriff - Valley Station Update
None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes/speaker)

None.

4. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Chief Frank Drayton, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District – COVID19 Response
Introduction of Fire Director Michelle Lee
Presentation on COVID19 Response
- b. Ruben Hernandez, Department of Development and Conservation – Proposed Contra Costa County Tree Ordinance
Public Comment:
Bill Olsen
Derene Allen, AIA
Mike Gibson, AIA

Motion to table the tree ordinance for further research and discussion.
by Member Mowat; motion fails.

Motion by Member Struthers that the Tree Subcommittee meets and draft a recommendation letter, no second. Motion fails.

Motion by Member Bhandari to recommend two changes to County Tree Ordinance: 1) Protective tree diameter to be 12" 2) Allow residents to replace a protected tree with another protected tree species. Second by Member Burke. Motion approved five to two (Members Mowat and Member Struthers oppose).

Motion by Member Bhandari to encourage County Staff to consider an Alamo overlay to the proposed County Tree Ordinance. Unanimous approval.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. VR19-1008 – Requests approval of a variance for an existing retaining wall and guardrail (with a max height of 11.5 feet) with a 0-foot front yard setback (where 25' is required) that was constructed without permits. Address 53 Hagen Oaks Court, Alamo.

Public Comment:

Mike Gibson (AIA)

Motion to approve by Member Bhandari with recommendation of planting a vine style landscaping buffer in front of the wall and covering the existing masonry wall with stone or manufactured stone to soften the visual impact. Unanimous approval.

- b. VR21-1002 - Requests approval of a variance application, with design review, for the construction of a 153 square foot garage addition, set back 13' – 8.5" from the western side yard property line, where 15' is required, resulting in a 33' – 8.5" aggregate side yard width, where 35' aggregate side yard width is required. The project also includes converting 228 sq. ft. of existing garage space into conditioned living space. Address is 2199 Granite Drive, Alamo.

Public Comment:

Mike Gibson (AIA)

Keith Silva

Motion by Member Bhandari to approve with the recommendation that the owner take care of any drainage issue identified by the county. Second by Member Mowat. Unanimous approval.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered by the Alamo MAC to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the Alamo MAC or a member of the public prior to the time the Alamo MAC votes on the motion to adopt.

- a. Approve February 2, 2021 Record of Actions.

Unanimous approval.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Alamo AOB Subcommittee for Schools: Chaput, Rock, Herron

Alamo AOB Subcommittee for Downtown: Bhandari (Chair), Gagnon

Alamo Police Services Advisory Committee: Burke

Land Use Planning Subcommittee: Barclay (chair), Bhandari, Mowat

Iron Horse Corridor Subcommittee: Struthers (Chair), Gagnon

Parks and Recreation Subcommittee: Struthers (chair), Burke, Rock

Trees and Landscape Subcommittee: Bhandari (chair), Mowat, Rock

9. CORRESPONDENCE (the following items are listed for informational purposes only and may be considered for discussion at a future meeting).

- a. None

10. COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE ALAMO MAC

Member Burke would like to draft policies for how the County spends money and if there is a threshold for bringing proposals to the MAC. Discuss in the Parks and Recreation Subcommittee.

Member Chaput brought up the idea of a kids park and possible bike park.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn by Member Barclay at 8:54pm. Unanimous approval.

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